



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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### 2-1/3 MILLION DOLLARS APPORTIONED TO STATES FOR WILDLIFE RESTORATION

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes today announced the apportionment of \$2,300,000 to the various States for projects to improve game conditions in accordance with the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Act. Notices of the amounts to be apportioned to each State have been sent to the Secretary of the Treasury and the State Fish and Game Commissions.

Michigan has the largest apportionment, receiving \$127,322. Texas is second with \$120,297, and New York is third with \$120,163. Other large apportionments include Pennsylvania, \$119,218; Ohio, \$102,679; California, \$60,515; and Indiana, \$73,830.

Since participating States are required to contribute 25 percent of the cost of projects, the total Federal apportionment of \$2,300,000 plus the States contributions will make \$3,066,667 available for wildlife restoration projects this year.

In its recent appropriations to the Department of the Interior, Congress set aside \$2,500,000 to aid the States in wildlife restoration projects and for other purposes. It is estimated that some \$200,000 will be necessary for the administration of the provisions of the Federal Aid act.

Apportionments to the States are made on the basis of the ratio which the area of each State bears to the total area of all the States and the ratio which the number of paid hunting-license holders in each State bears to the total number of license holders in the country.

According to the provisions of the Federal Aid act, also commonly known as the Pittman-Robertson act, the sums appropriated for this work cannot exceed the total amount collected under the ten percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunitions. In the past few years, this tax has yielded some \$3,000,000 annually. In the fiscal year 1938, when the act became effective, Congress appropriated \$1,000,000 for Federal aid work. Last year, it set aside \$1,500,000 for this purpose.

Since the Federal Aid program has been underway, 43 States have received approval for 310 projects up to June 30, 1940. Seventy-five of these projects are completed.

Allotments to each State are as follows: Alabama, \$37,313.40; Arizona, \$47,979.82; Arkansas, \$27,925.05; California, \$98,821.03; Colorado, \$60,515.49; Connecticut, \$5,853.34; Delaware, \$3,068.18; Florida, \$31,225.15; Georgia, \$32,644.80; Idaho, \$48,742.02; Illinois, \$67,006.66; Indiana, \$73,830.83; and Iowa, \$48,116.54.

Kansas, \$42,744.97; Kentucky, \$31,942.31; Louisiana, \$32,687.63; Maine, \$27,262.21; Maryland, \$15,857.18; Massachusetts, \$12,987.48; Michigan, \$127,322.54; Minnesota, \$74,269.58; Mississippi, \$36,512.13; Missouri, \$55,692.42; Montana, \$69,184.95; Nebraska, \$54,047.58; Nevada, \$43,456.27; New Hampshire, \$10,694.05; New Jersey, \$22,969.35; New Mexico, \$50,471.83; New York, \$120,163.43; North Carolina, \$44,732.03; and North Dakota, \$32,610.53.

Ohio, \$102,679.09; Oklahoma, \$40,479.83; Oregon, \$49,519.26; Pennsylvania, \$119,218.65; Rhode Island, \$1,605.31; South Carolina, \$26,375.27; South Dakota, \$37,740.08; Tennessee, \$28,041.68; Texas, \$120,297.99; Utah, \$42,065.45; Vermont, \$10,292.89; Virginia, \$38,771.95; Washington, \$56,525.42; West Virginia, \$34,014.37; Wisconsin, \$63,149.37; Wyoming, \$40,572.61. Total for the United States, \$2,300,000.

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